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4th Tudor Vladimirescu Mtz Inf Brig.

1. In September 1949, the 4th Mtz Inf Brig was assigned to a tank unit in Bucharest which had the surname Tudor Vladimirescu and which was commanded by General Mircea Haupt. This general and all the units under his command were awarded the Fight for Peace Medal on 23 August 1949. The brigade was under the command of a colonel. One Major Zamfirescu (?), (fnu), was the political officer of the unit. *
2. The brigade was quartered in the eastern section of the barracks installations in Bucharest-Cotroceni, west of the railroad line to the Dealul Spirei railroad station and south of the railroad branch line crossing the area of the barracks installations in a westerly direction. The Cotroceni airfield and the Dinamo Plant were located just west of the quarters of the brigade. The installation comprised three single-story barracks buildings, each 20x50 meters; a single-story barracks building, 25x70 meters, a three-story barracks building, 20x100 meters; and another barracks building, 20x100 meters.
3. At least four infantry battalions of the brigade were quartered in the barracks installations. Each battalion consisted of four companies. The total strength of the four battalions was estimated at about 1,000 men, who came from all parts of Rumania. **
4. The weapons used by the II Bn were old and in poor condition. About 90 percent of them were of Soviet origin. The weapons seen included Soviet model Mossunagan 41-42 long carbines with detachable bayonet; new Soviet model Mossunagan 44 short rifles with fixed bayonet; model ZB carbines which were used for guard purposes; Soviet submachine guns with drum magazines; Soviet and German light machine guns; Soviet heavy machine guns; medium and heavy mortars; Soviet AT rifles; and light infantry guns with barrels about 1.5 meters long and mounted on rubber-tired wheels. The brigade was also equipped with about 40 new ZIS three-axle trucks.

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5. The soldiers were dressed in worn-out uniforms while on duty. A temporary issue of new uniforms and boots was made for the parade held on 23 August 1949. The legs of the boots were of rubber-coated cloth of poor quality. A badge with the letters TV was worn on the left sleeve of the dress uniform. This badge was not compulsory on service uniforms. The epaulets were red.
6. Combat training was given at the target range and drill ground of Cotroceni, located not far from the barracks installations on the southwest.

7th AAA Regt.

7. In November 1948, the headquarters and elements of the 7th AAA Regt were located in Lugoj (R 25/U 50). So-called training units of the regiment were quartered in Caransebes (R 25/Z 76), in two large old barracks buildings located on the road from the railroad station to the center of the town, near the edge of the town. The municipal cemetery was about 500 meters from the barracks installation, in the direction of the railroad station. ***

8. The commanding officer of the regiment was a colonel. One Senior Lieutenant Sabovici, (fnu), was SIA officer of the regiment. One Major Sima, (fnu), was the commanding officer of the I Bn.

9. [redacted] the I and II Bns of the regiment were located in Caransebes. The I Bn comprised a battery equipped with German 37-mm AA guns and some batteries equipped with German 20-mm AA guns in addition to a cadre battery and a unit of drivers which were to be transferred to Lugoj.

10. [redacted] all of the equipment of the battalion was kept in Lugoj, since only basic training was given in Caransebes.

11. The recruits were issued new uniforms and boots. They had black epaulets and a badge with the letters HCC on the left sleeve of the uniform. ***

[redacted] Comment. This information confirms the brigade in Bucharest. [redacted]

[redacted] The present report again indicates that the Tudor Vladimirescu tank unit probably is a tank corps.

[redacted] The designation brigade indicates a unit larger than a division, which in Rumania is composed of regiments. General Mircea Maut was again confirmed as the commanding general of a tank unit. [redacted]

** [redacted] Comment. The strength of the unit seems to have been understated. According to a previous report, the battalions were said to have comprised in June 1950 about 500 to 600 men each, a statement which seems more probable. [redacted]

*** [redacted] Comment. The existence of a 7th AAA Regt was reported for the first time. It seems doubtful that this regiment was a component unit of the 2nd Horia Closca si Crisan Mtz Inf Div. To date no information has been received that AAA regiments are components of Rumanian infantry, motorized or tank divisions. The 4th Mtz Special Bn of the 2nd Inf Div was located in Caransebes during the reported time. There is a possibility that [redacted] this unit [redacted] an element of the alleged 7th AAA Regt in Lugoj.

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